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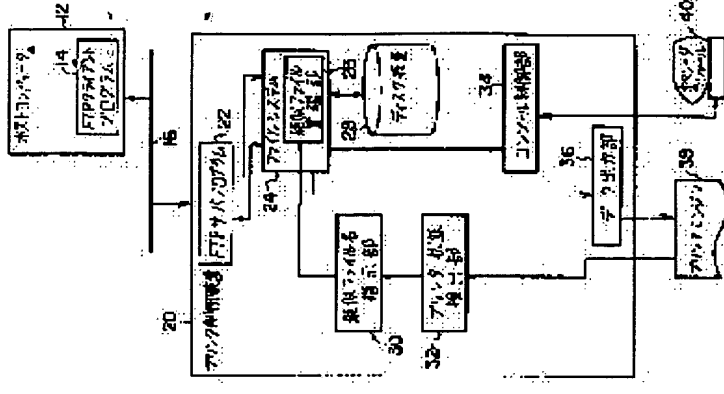
(54) PRINTER CONTROL DEVICE

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(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To call a false file name by an FTP LIST command by changing the false file name of a false file to a previously determined false file name in accordance with the status of a printer.

CONSTITUTION: This printer control device 20 is provided with a file system 24 for temporarily storing inputted printing data and a false file for storing at least a false file name expressing the status of a printer 38 is included in a file directory managed by the system 24. When the status of the printer 38 is detected by a detecting means 32, the false file name is changed to a previously determined false file name by false file name changing means 26, 30 in accordance with the detected result. Since the false file name is changed in accordance with the status of the printer 38, the false file name can be called from the outside of the device 20 by an FTP LIST command to acquire the status of the printer 38.



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